



2025 Family Weekend

September 26 - 28

Welcome, families! New Student & Family Programs is excited to celebrate with you!

Full Weekend Pass Holders will enjoy a weekend full of the following events!

Weekend Signature Events



Family Welcome Reception

5:00pm-6:30pm, Friday
Start family weekend with a family-friendly welcome reception. Drop-in on your schedule to meet and greet with other families and university administration.



Family Weekend Tailgate

2:30pm-5:00pm, Saturday
Kick off game day at the Family Weekend Tailgate! Enjoy bar-b-que and games with families! We'll have fun door prizes, too!



Farewell Brunch

10:00am-12:00pm, Sunday
Enjoy brunch with your student in the ETSU Dining Hall. Complete your Family Weekend experience with this drop-in event.

Available Weekend-Long



Annual Johnson City Stop & Shop

Explore Johnson City this weekend! Your Family Weekend Pass gets you perks all weekend long! Participating businesses offer special discounts to our ETSU Family Weekend pass holders!



Center for Physical Activity (CPA)

Basler Center for Physical Activity (CPA) is the home of Campus Recreation. Feel free to tour and utilize this beautiful facility including the pool and climbing wall (specific hours). Student must be present for family members to attend. Age restrictions may apply, see website for details.



ETSU Walking Trails

Experience the beauty of campus along the more than five miles of ETSU walking trails!



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This schedule is subject to change. Events will continue to be added. Check back often for updates.

Friday, September 26

Registration Check-In

Pick up your family weekend pass

11:30am - 4:30pm

Welcome Center - 2nd Floor, DP Culp Center

5:00pm - 6:30pm

University Commons - During Welcome Reception

Reece Museum

9:00am - 4:30pm

363 Stout Drive, ETSU Main Campus

9:00am - 4:30pm

Stop in to experience the current art on display

Lunch on Own

11:30am - 1:30pm

ETSU Dining Hall - Third Floor, DP Culp Student Center

Enjoy lunch with your Buccaneer in the ETSU Dining Hall at a discounted rate of \$5 per family member. Just show your Family Weekend Pass for discount

Campus Tour

Two Sessions: 1:00pm **AND** 2:00pm

Welcome Center - Second Floor DP Culp Student Center

Pre-registration required.

Take a campus tour with us! Tour includes an information session and a guided walking tour led by a current ETSU student. Please allow two hours for the tour.

Bucky's Food Pantry Tour

3:00pm

DP Culp Student Center - Outside entrance next to Passport Office

Pre-registration required.

Take a behind-the-scenes tour of Bucky's Food Pantry!

ETSU Planetarium Show

4:00pm - 5:00pm

Hutcheson Hall

Pre-registration required. Email family@etsu.edu.

Catch the amazing show at the ETSU Planetarium! This popular favorite will be featured Friday and Saturday! Guests will meet at Hutcheson Hall to enter the Planetarium.

Family Welcome Reception

5:00pm - 6:30pm

University Commons

Kick off Family Weekend with a drop-in gathering with light refreshments in University Commons, outside of the DP Culp Student Center

Tiebreakers

7:00pm - 9:00pm

Tiebreakers - 1805 N. Roan Street, JC TN

Get ready for a blast at Tiebreakers! Enjoy bowling, arcade games, laser tag, and more! The first 100 family guests will receive a \$10 play card to jump start the fun! Must show Family Weekend Pass.

Observatory Star Party

8:00pm - 10:00pm

Harry D. Powell Observatory, 1101 Narrow Lane

"The Amazing, Exciting, Spitting Black Hole in IC 2431"

Presented by Dr. Beverly Smith, join us for an observatory star party. Telescopes will be set up and available for visitors to view celestial objects. This event is weather permitting.

Saturday, September 27

UpBeat Pilates with Campus Rec

9:00am - 10:00am

Center for Physical Activity (CPA)

Pre-registration required.

Begin your day with Campus Rec and UpBeat Pilates - a high energy mat class that utilizes traditional Pilates elements and equipment in an UpBeat way. All equipment is provided.

Martin Center for the Arts Behind-the-Scenes

10:00am - 11:00am

ETSU Martin Center

Pre-registration required.

Explore ETSU's premier performing arts venue on a guided tour through its stunning performance halls, creative spaces, and production areas. Learn how performances come to life in this state-of-the-art facility.

Planetarium Show

Two Sessions: 10:00am **AND** 1:00pm

Hutcheson Hall

Pre-registration required.

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Zipline with Campus Rec

Two Sessions - 11:00am **AND** 12:00pm

ETSU Challenge Course - behind CPA

Pre-registration required.

Take your Family Weekend to new heights! Join Campus Recreation staff for a thrilling ride on ETSU's 300-foot zipline. All equipment is provided. Participants must be at least 12 years old.

ETSU Family Tailgate

2:30pm - 5:00pm

CPA Front Lawn

Get ready for kick off with a BBQ from The Firehouse, a local favorite! Yard games, music, BBQ, and door prizes! Come enjoy this signature event while connecting with other ETSU families!

ETSU Buc Walk

3:15pm

Line the street with us to cheer on the BUCS! Led by the cheer and dance teams and the Marching Bucs, the football team will parade to William B. Greene Stadium! Gather up and down Jack Vest Drive for this fun ETSU tradition!

ETSU Football vs Mercer

Kickoff: 5:30pm

Separate Ticket Purchase Required. Visit etsutickets.com

Family Weekend Passholders get discounted pricing.

Cheer on the Bucs as they take on Mercer in this exciting Southern Conference matchup! Don your blue and gold and be part of the game day energy. Tickets required for entry.

Sunday, September 28

Farewell Brunch

10:00am - 12:00pm

ETSU Dining Hall

Wrap up a wonderful weekend with a relaxing brunch in the dining hall. Enjoy a casual meal with your student and say goodbye – just for now!